AZ Medicaid Technical Consortium Meeting

May 12, 2004
2:50 PM to 4:00 PM
AHCCCS 701 E. Jefferson St. – 3rd Floor - Gold Room

Meeting Hosted By: Lori Petre, AHCCCS

Attendees:

(Based on sign-in sheets)

ADHS	*Mike Upchurch*	*Mary Kaehler*
Jeannine Baer	*Nancy Upchurch*	**UFC**
Thomas Browning	**APIPA**	*Eric Nichols*
Lee Cisney	*Sean Stepp*	*John Valentino*
Jerri Gray	*Sharon Zamora*	**Yavapai County**
Jeannette Heller	**Care 1st Arizona**	*Becky Ducharme*
C.J. Major	*Herb Woo*	
Dimiter Peuin	**DES**	
Sharon Simpson	*Robin Claus*	
AHCCCS	*Marcella Gonzalez*	
Peggy Brown	*Nicole Yarborough*	
Deborah Burrell	**Evercare Select**	
Barbara Butler	*Vicki Johnson*	
Melonie Carnegie	*Steve Iles*	
Michelle Dillon	**Healthchoice AZ**	
Chris Herrick	*Paul Benson*	
Ester Hunt	*Mike Uchrin*	
Bruce Jameson	**MCP & Schaller Anderson**	
Dennis Koch	*Cathy Jackson-Smith*	
Dan Lippert	*Anne Romer*	
Liz Liska	*Art Schenkman*	
MaryKay McDaniel	**Maricopa**	
John Nystedt	*Donna Beyer*	
Brent Ratterree	*John Wilhelm*	
Marsha Solomon	**PHS**	
Linda Stubblefield	*Mark Hart*	

Welcome (Lori Petre)

We are going to go ahead and get started since we are all ready running late. Everybody should have a packet marked Consortium. We do apologize for the prior meeting running over into this meetings timeframe. We will try to adjust our schedule accordingly to accommodate for future meetings.

Follow-up

We are going to start with a few follow-up items.

Outpatient Hospital Payment Fee Schedule (Lori Petre)

We just had an Outpatient Workgroup meeting prior to this Consortium meeting. If any of you weren't able to participate in that meeting and would like a copy of the materials or the minutes, let us know. We would be happy to share those with you. We are trying very much to partner the Outpatient Workgroup meetings up with these meetings. If you are traveling here for the Consortium meeting, we are trying to make it so that you only have to travel once.

Daily Co-Pays (Dennis Koch)

Daily Co-Pays went in on 5/1/04, and seems to be running fine. The injunction still stands as this time.

BBA Data Certification (Dennis Koch)

BBA Data Certification went in as of yesterday. You should see emails on a daily basis. If you are not getting the reports, and you want to, please let us know.

Lori Petre – What is really important about that is if you are submitting files for the next cycle, you need to make sure that you are sending emails to go along with them.

Q: Is this for production as well?
A: Yes, for both proprietary files and 837 Transactions.

Lori Petre – The BBA Data Certification process applies to all files. For the production files you should be using the production email address, not the test email address. That distinction is probably the most complicated aspect of this process.

Encounters 837/277U (Lori Petre/Brent Ratterree)

One other issue is that we have discovered there is a file limitation for the 837 Transactions. We have been able to determine that there are two types of limitations, one is encounter size and the other is the physical file size.

Lori Petre – If you'll remember, last time we talked about the reasons why we determined that we needed to delay encounters was because of two primary issues. One was there were several points in our process where we weren't able to handle large files. Two of them were within Mercator, and one was loading it to the mainframe. The second reason for the delay was because of the problem reports. We feel that, for the most part, we have worked through those problem reports. In solving the large file issues, we did identify that we were going to have to impose a file size limitation. These will be put in writing. These are hot of the press as Dennis told me just before this meeting.

The first limitation is a maximum of 250,000 encounters per file. Right now you are sending in a 1000,000. The second limitation is 200-megabyte physical file limitation. The total maximum number of encounters allowed in one transaction set (ST/SE) is 50,000.

Lori Petre – Jot all those numbers down. We will put this in writing, and send it out to you right after this meeting.

Action Item: Lori Petre
Email the file size limitations to the health plans.

Lori Petre – Any questions regarding BBA Data Certification? If you experience any issues with this process, please let us know right away.

Q: Does the BBA Data Certification process apply to all the 837s?
A: Yes.

Other than those two issues, we are on schedule to implement our HIPAA Encounter 837 next Saturday.

Q: Will the companion document on the website show final?
A: We wait approximately three weeks after the transaction has gone into production before publishing it as final.

Melonie is working quite actively right now with Brent on modifying the Encounters Companion Document, and it will be the last draft of that document. What we have tried to do with all of the companion documents is get them out there to give you an opportunity to experience them for a while before we publish them as a final. There is no target date for the next draft of the 837 Encounters Companion Document at this time. We will continue to support testing. Although we are promoting our programs into production, the testing will continue. Contingencies will not be required until we get to the point where you are saying you are not ready to send in 7/1/04 dates of service. There is no need to talk too much contingency plans at this point. We have had some issues identified by the health plans, and we have tried to address those. We are currently working on an issue for Brian Heise with CRS where their data was formatted backwards by AHCCCS. We did have this issue with diagnosis codes. Mike Upchurch's team is working on a process by which we are able to filter any data corrections. That is their current priority at this time. As a result, we will ensure that we have a process in place to prevent this from happening.

Q: CRS - Once in production, what about the backlog?
A: Lori Petre - We are going to talk about that at the 4:00 ADHS meeting. We can handle that multiple ways, and we wanted to discuss those with you.

Q: Have you been getting any numbers back on that survey regarding claims.
A: Brent Ratterree – I sent that survey out, and they are due the first part of next week.

Brent Ratterree – Everyone has been waiting for us to get the Encounter Manual revision out. I expect to have the revisions pretty well finalized and out by the end of the month. I do want to make you aware that the draft talks about the file naming conventions on the outgoing files. Those are going to change to coincide with what is happening in the test environment right now. This is outlined on page 3-3 of the draft.

Lori Petre – For the pend correction file we will take pretty much any naming standard you want to use, and we will translate it to the naming standard we used to have. The important thing to know about that is you can send us whatever you want, but in anything we send back to you, we will be using the standard. This process will be transparent. We will get something out in writing on this.

Brent Ratterree – Examples listed in Chapter 4 (4-4 through 4-20) will be rolled into the 837 Encounter Transactions Companion Document. There will be some minor changes to the draft in Chapter 5. Expect that to be coming out soon.

Encounters NCPDP (Lori Petre/Brent Ratterree)

Lori Petre - We actually had a special workgroup last week on Wednesday, 5/5/04, for the NCPDP. If you were unable to attend, there will be minutes from that which we will be happy to share with you. Including from that in your packet are some updated materials that we promised to get out from that meeting. They include the modified NCPDP 3.2 layout and examples.

Brent Ratterree – On the NCPDP 3.2 layout there was a change to the Header on the first page of the document. It was to the value that is to be used for the field 880-K1 Sender ID. It has been changed to consist of a 3-byte acronym followed by the submitter's tax ID, health plan ID and TSN. The Trailer has been changed to include Total Claim Count, which is new information for BBA. The Total Billed Charge is a name change from Total Plan Paid Amount. I believe those were the only changes to the layout. As you get the opportunity to review this information, if you have any questions, please email them to the AHCCCS HIPAA Workgroup, and we will respond as soon as possible.

Lori Petre – We are ready to take test files whenever you have them ready. You do need to email the AHCCCS HIPAA Workgroup or myself to let us know that you are dropping them off. That way we can watch for them and follow them through the process.

Q: Are you expecting any limitation on size for these files?
A: Lori Petre – No, the NCPDP files do not go through the translator.

Q: ADHS - Do you have a date or an idea of when the provider and reference files are going to be corrected?
A: Brent Ratterree – I will have to look into that and get back to you.

Q: Is the prescribing provider ID number required?
A: Brent Ratterree – It was required data element in the current format, and it created a lot of problems. We are going to set that edit to soft until dates of service 7/1/04 to allow contractors time to fix that.

Q: Does it have to be a valid provider ID?
A: Brent Ratterree – It must be a valid provider id; not necessarily active.

Q: What if it is an out of state provider?
A: Brent Ratterree - This type of scenario we would need to address on a one on one basis. I am sure we can work around it.

Wrap-up (Lori Petre)

The next meeting will be held on 6/2/04 from 3:30 – 4:30. Please let us know if you have topics that you would like to discuss. You can email them to the AHCCCS HIPAA Workgroup.

MaryKay McDaniel – I would strongly recommend that you get involved in the NPI Workgroup or visit the website. It would benefit you to at least take a look at the issues that have been identified. CMS sounded very positive that once the NPI has been established it will be only the NPI that will be used. Basically the comment that was made is if you need to start re-contracting to accommodate the NPI, you might want to do that now. The NPI website and workgroup information is available on page 11 of the 4/21/04 Consortium minutes that you received in your packet today.

Q: Are we going to need to do some contingency planning due to the NPI?
A: Lori Petre – It is our hope that we will be compliant at the earliest date. Technically right now the Provider subsystem can process an additional provider ID.

MaryKay McDaniel – The Claims Attachment NPRM is scheduled to be released September 24, 2004. They are expecting it to contain Transaction and Code Sets clarification in addition to the claims attachments. It may go so far as to contain some guidance on Implementation Guide selection. The Electronic Health Record (EHR) has been approved to ballot by HL7.

Meeting adjourned.